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1. [REDACTED] World Aeronautical Charts (WAC) #947, #948 and #1014 for the upper regions of the Amazon River of Brazil and have noted that several villages indicated on these charts are no longer in existence while some new villages which are in existence are not indicated.

2. After frequent travels on the Amazon, [REDACTED] the following comments, as well as corrections and/or additions to WAC #947 (Jumunda River), third edition, published in September 1947 and revised in September 1949 by the Aeronautical Chart Service, USAF, Washington DC:

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- a. Villa Batista (02°37'N/56°40'W) is now known as Santa Maria da Villa Amazonia and is owned by a Portuguese millionaire, Agostinho Araujo, who is known as the king of the Amazon. Villa Batista is a former Japanese colony but due to Araujo's unfavorable dealings with the Japanese they resolved to have nothing to do with him and did not resettle there following World War II.

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- b. Parintins (02°38'N/56°45'W). Although an aircraft landing strip is indicated for Parintins with a runway length of 39 hundred feet [REDACTED] not known any land-type aircraft larger than a Piper Cub to have ever landed at this field. Parintins, incidentally, is the largest interior city of the Amazon, with a population of eight thousand.

- c. Manaus (03°23'N/57°03'W) is becoming a city of major importance on the Amazon and has a current population of about five thousand. The usual route for passenger vessels on the upper Amazon is

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to pass Maude on the Paraná-De Ramos route to Manaus.

- d. Jurapuri (02°33S/57°35W) no longer exists. It is possible that one house is still at that site but this is doubted.
- e. Albano (02°29S/57°33W) is the location of but one house, if such still exists, and has never been a town.
- f. Urucurituba (02°33S/57°38W) has a population of approximately 400. It is the site of a Brazilian army radio transmitter station which is manned by one army operator.
- g. Bessaco (02°50S/57°55W) is no longer in existence and there is nothing to mark its site.
- h. Cameta (02°52S/57°26W) is a new village with a population of 800.
- i. Terra Preta (02°49S/57°11W), between Pedras and Barreirinha, is a new town of 350 population. Due to floods that occurred at Barreirinha during 1953 a proposal was made to move the county seat from Barreirinha to Terra Preta.
- j. Freguezia (02°52S/57°00W) is a settlement of about 100 people.
- k. Urucara (02°31S/57°44W) has a population of 800. A Brazilian army radio transmitter manned by one man is located here.
- l. Itapiranga (02°45S/58°01W) has a population of approximately 400.
- m. Itacoatiara (03°09S/58°27W) is a very progressive community of nearly eight thousand population. It is a large lumber port where lumber is loaded for the European market.
- n. Varre-Vento (02°50S/56°45W) is the site of but two or three houses and is not considered to be a town.
- o. Ariau (03°11S/57°14W) has nearly disappeared. It consists of six or seven tumbled-down houses and an abandoned chapel, all of which is invisible from the air.
- p. Mundo Novo (03°05S/57°09W) is now the site of but two or three houses.
- q. Porto Alegre (03°09S/57°06W) is a new town which is growing rapidly. Its population is about 150 but it is a gathering point for Indians, at least four thousand of whom are within a four-hour call.
- r. Amajari (03°16S/58°53W) has changed its name and is now known as Santa Maria. It has a population of 50 but is considered a trading center for a large area.
- s. Rancho Sol Nascença (03°23S/58°45W) is a large Japanese-owned ranch situated near the mouth of the Rio Madeira.
- t. Obidos (01°53S/55°32W) has a population of nearly five thousand. It is the site of Brazilian army barracks and is considered to be a central army base for the Amazon.
- u. Oriximina (01°47S/55°53W) is a county seat with a population of two thousand and has been a port of call for ocean-going vessels.

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3. The following comments, additions and/or corrections are offered in connection with WAC #948 (Negro River), third edition, revised February 1952 and published by the Aeronautical Chart Service, US Army Air Forces, Washington DC.
- a. Manacapuri (03°18S/60°37W) is a county seat with a population of one thousand. There is a landing strip, 33 hundred feet in length of compacted dirt surface, located near a cemetery on the northeast edge of the town. Piper Cubs have used this field.
 - b. Mansões (03°08S/60°01W). A new airfield is being constructed at the site of the old landing field and is to be about five times larger. There will be but one strip which will be sufficiently long to accommodate the largest-type aircraft. The new strip will be from east to west, as that is the direction of the never-changing prevailing wind.
 - c. Anaman (03°35S/61°23W) is on the bank of the Paraná y Anaman and is not on the Rio Amazonas as indicated. It has a normal annual population of 10 except during the yearly two-week fiesta period when it is swelled to one thousand or more.
 - d. Anori (03°48S/61°38W) was flooded out of this location in 1953. The settlement of Anori was then moved inland to Lake Anori and is now located at 03°46S/61°38W. Its population is 40.
 - e. Boca do Funus (03°41S/61°27W). This village is no longer in existence and the only structure at this location is a houseboat. [REDACTED] passed the mouth of the Rio Funus on numerous occasions [REDACTED] found bad weather present, such as squalls, rain and wind.
 - f. Codajaz (03°51S/62°04W) is a county seat with a population of four thousand to five thousand. The town of Codajaz is rapidly eroding into the Amazon River.
 - g. Camara (03°56S/62°04W) is a small settlement of but eight houses.
 - h. Trocari (03°53S/62°50W) is a wood stop for river vessels and has but three houses.
 - i. Foz do Copea (03°53S/63°19W) is a small settlement of but three houses.
 - j. São João (03°36S/63°54W) is comprised of one house only.
 - k. Barro Alto (03°50S/63°55W) is a new settlement of 20 houses located on the south bank of the Amazon. A church is situated here and there are a considerable number of lepers living in the area.
 - l. Laranjac (03°19S/60°29W) is a new settlement of from six to eight houses located on the north bank of the Amazon River. It is a trading post for the surrounding area.
 - m. Paricatuba (03°06S/60°16W) is a new settlement and is the location of a large leper colony of about one thousand lepers.
4. The following comments, additions and/or corrections are offered in connection with WAC #1014 (Madeira River), fourth edition, revised August

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- a. Beruri (04°43'S/62°08'W) is located on both sides of the Purus River at the sites indicated on #1014 for São Francisco de Aruma and Aruma. Beruri is an up-and-coming village which is rapidly increasing in size.
- b. Coari (04°06'S/63°09'W) is the largest port between Manaus and the Andes where many small Colombian and Peruvian boats stop. It is a trading center for the upper Amazon and has a population of nearly seven thousand.
- c. Borba (04°24'S/59°36'W) is the largest village on the Rio Madeira with nearly five thousand inhabitants.

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